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MEMORANDUM FOR:
Chief, Litigation Division

FROM:
Chief, Legislation Division

SUBJECT: H.R. 3256

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Attached for your information is the "Federal Courts Civil Priorities Act" (H.R. 3256) introduced by Chairman Robert W. Kastenmeier of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the Administration of Justice. The legislation abolishes the myriad statutory docket preferences for various types of civil actions and returns to the courts authority to determine their own civil docket priorities.

The legislation contains exceptions which require expedited considerations of habeas corpus petitions, enforcement of compulsory process, actions for temporary or preliminary injunctive relief, and "any other action if good cause therefor is shown."

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Attachment

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